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SCAN BY NPIC OF MISSION UE 539A/2 OF 13 JANUARY 1966 REVEALS A SUSPECT AIRFIELD IN THE VERY EARLY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION LOCATED AT 2144N 10452E, 2.3 NM NW OF YEN BAI, NORTH VIETNAM, AT THE SITE OF THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REF) CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY. THE SUSPECT AIRFIELD CONSISTS OF AN APPROXIMATELY 6600 BY 600 FT. AREA OF EARTHMOVING ACTIVITY, FROM UTM VK847037 TO UTM VK862022, ORIENTED IN A NW/SE DIRECTION. APPROXIMATELY 3000 FT. OF THIS AREA WAS ACTIVELY UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON [REDACTED] THE KARST HILLS WHICH CHARACTERIZE THIS AREA ARE BEING LEVELED BY BULLDOZERS. THE MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM THIS OPERATION IS BEING USED TO FILL THE VALLEYS BETWEEN THE HILLS AND TO BUILD NEW ROADS IN THE AREA. THE EXCESS MATERIAL IS BEING DUMPED ON A SAND BAR IN THE RED RIVER AT UTM VK838036. AT LEAST 1 CRANE, 4 BULLDOZERS, 19 DUMP TRUCKS, AND 20 U/I PIECES OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT ARE OBSERVED. THE NEW ROAD NETWORK AND CONSTRUCTION/SUPPORT BUILDINGS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REF) ARE NOT OBSERVED DUE TO CLOUDS.

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